



160TH SPECIAL OPERATIONS AVIATION REGIMENT

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

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Staff Sgt. Paul R. Jackson

Died on August 19, 2009

Staff Sgt. Paul R. Jackson, 33, died Aug. 19, 2009, when his MH-60 Blackhawk helicopter crashed near Leadville, Colo., during a training mission.

Jackson was a native of Philadelphia, PA., and volunteered for Army service in May 1998. Following basic training at Fort Jackson, S.C., Jackson successfully assessed with the 160th Special Operations Aviation Regiment (Airborne) as a helicopter aircrew member. Jackson arrived to his first duty station with 1st Bn., 160th SOAR (A), at Fort Campbell, Ky., in March 1999. In 2007, Jackson served with 3rd Bn., 2nd Infantry Division, at Camp Humphreys, Korea as an aircrew member. In 2008, Jackson returned to the 160th SOAR (A), serving with 1st Bn., 160th SOAR (A) as an Aviation Standardization Non-Commissioned Officer.

He is a combat veteran with 10 deployments, nine in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom and one in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.



His military training includes the Strategic Deployment School, the Warrior Leader Course, the Survival, Evasion, Resistance and Escape Course, the Strategic Deployable School / Airlift Planners Course, the Combat Life Savers Course, and the Special Operations Training Course. Jackson's awards include the Meritorious Service Medal, Air Medal for valor, three Air Medals, two Army Commendation Medals, Army Achievement Medal, Presidential Unit Citation Award, Valorous Unit Award, three Army Good Conduct Medals, National Defense Service Medal, Korean Defense Service Medal, Iraqi Campaign Medal- three Campaign Stars, Global War On Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, Global War On Terrorism Service Medal, two NCO Professional Development Ribbons, Army Service Ribbon, three Overseas Service Ribbons, the Combat Action Badge, the Basic Aviation Badge, and the Senior Aviation Badge.

Jackson is survived by his wife, Keihaulani Jackson, his daughter, Desiree Jackson, and his mother, Brenda Maisha Jackson, of Philadelphia, Pa.

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